



# **TODD AARON: HIDDEN IDOLS SERIES**

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# INTRO

The content of this presentation was taken from Todd Aaron's video series, "Hidden Idols Series", which was originally uploaded to YouTube. In the series, he discusses the hidden idols of the heart that can keep us from God's presence and truly loving Him with all of our heart, soul, and mind. There were 30 in total mentioned in this series.

In this presentation you will find word for word text of what he mentioned for each hidden idol. Keep scrolling to check out the content.

Please take time to meditate on each slide and really try to understand what is being said.


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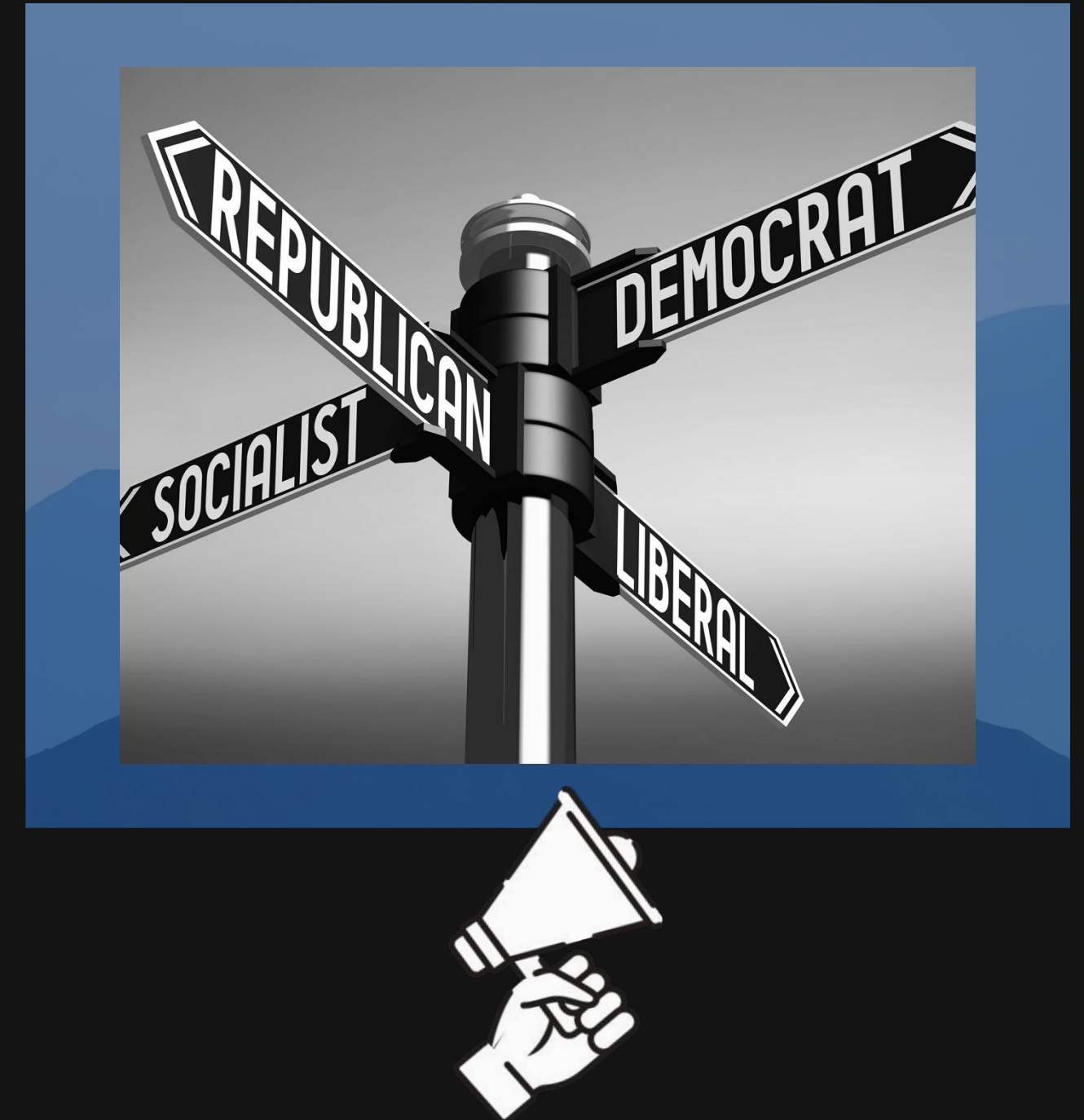
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# Idols: of Politics

How can politics become an idol? Well, it can become an idol when we put all of our time, energy, and resources into these different matters. Whether prime ministers, presidents, governors, world leaders, or politicians on either side that is competing for leader, for dominance. We know more about the latest news, what is trending, and the different laws and agendas being passed than we know about the Word of God. We may know the Word of God but we aren't focused with all of our heart, soul, and mind into these matters. We care more and delight more in what was going on in the world, with our world leaders than we care more about the Word of God. In fact, politics can become a distraction and an idol.

When you stand up more for your political party than you do the Word of God that becomes an idol. When you know more and speak more about what's going on in politics than you do the Word of God, that's an idol. In fact, it's keeping you from spreading the Word of God and fulfilling the Great Commission. In fact, politics is the very reason many people don't even see the true Word of God. It keeps them distracted. It keeps them preoccupied so that they watch the latest news and are busy studying and reading on what is going on in the world rather than making sure that their heart, soul, and mind is prepared for God's kingdom. That they are ready for His coming and doing the work of God and not sleeping. Make sure that you're awake.

~ Todd Aaron, Hidden Idol Series



# Idols: of Romance

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Did you know that romance can become an idol? Yes, in fact, romance can become an idol when we do anything by our means to keep romance in our lives. In fact, we can reminisce on old times and how times used to be about romance. In fact, we can seek romance novels, we can see romantic things that's why many people love Valentine's Day and many days like it because they want anything that's romantic. In fact, many times people lust and desire after other men and women that are living romantically, things that are very sweet. So they judge their spouses based on what other people do in their lives, so how other people's marriages or relationships are with boyfriends or girlfriends or spouses, husbands, and wives.

They will judge their relationships based on their own romance and if they are lacking romance they feel like they are missing something and in fact, it becomes an idol because you desire it. And you want to keep romance in your life by any means necessary so that you miss the past, you won't move on to the future and you sit there and you desire to gain more romance in your life rather than seeking God. In fact, romance is a lot of times a replacement for God's holy presence, which is an idol.

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# Idols: of Luxury

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How is luxury an idol? Well, luxury is an idol when we do anything we can to remain in luxury. In fact, many times the people that love luxury and its an idol, love to travel in luxury. They love to fly in luxury. They love to ride in luxury. They love their cars that are luxurious. They love hotels and buildings and houses that are luxury. That's why they buy a house, they do everything they can to make the inside of their house look beautiful and the outside.

They want to ride in luxury and drive in luxury so everything that they do is catered to living in that prosperous ease. So deep inside there's something that's missing. They're missing the presence of God. They're missing the luxury and the riches of God's presence inside them so they seek outside and externally to make them feel like they're at worth, that they have a net worth in the world.

Meanwhile, they're missing the presence of God and the true worth of His presence, and the luxury of his kingdom and His Word. In fact, they deny the Word and live in the world for luxury. They do everything they can to acquire and live it in order to make themselves feel better while judging everybody else that's not living in luxury. In fact, luxury is an idol when we care more about what people think based on our image and we want to hold and live in that luxury no matter what. And we'll do whatever it takes to remain in luxury than rather to lose it. This in fact where an idol remains.

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# Idols: of Success

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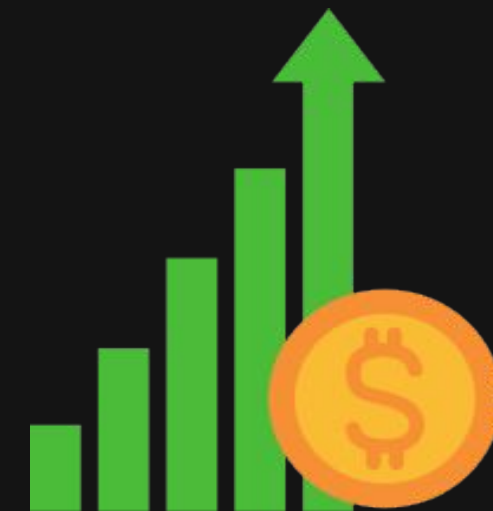
How is success an idol? Well, success is an idol when we do anything by any means necessary to become successful. In fact, the money is on the mind and our minds on the money. We're doing anything we can to acquire that success, climb that career ladder, have our breakthrough. When you hear people saying, you are about to have your breakthrough, guess what they're revealing? That they have a secret desire for success. You want to climb that career ladder, you are working on a project and you are trying to be successful in that project. You cater to your dreams and your goals and your aspirations. And you want to reach that goal by any means necessary because you're lacking something inside. You're lacking the presence of God and you are prideful. You are trying to show off to others that you can be successful, that you have some kind of worth. Rather than finding your worth in God's Word and God's kingdom.

You seek success when you're trying to do anything you can by any means necessary to acquire riches and money and become successful to show off to others. Secretly, you have this secret ambition, self ambition to become successful in the world. And you show off to your neighbors, your family, your friend and your co-workers, and your former classmates to show that you are successful. And you want to show off to others and that's why success can become a secret idol.

"The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever."

~ 1 John 2:17

~ Todd Aaron, Hidden Idol Series





# Idols: of Health

How can health become an idol? Health can become an idol when we try everything in our power to remain healthy. You'll know if it's an idol the moment you become sick. Are you still seeking God? Are you still rejoicing? Think about how much you spend in order to stay healthy. Your supplements. All your vitamins. All your exercise. All your organic foods. These things are not bad in itself. But it can become an idol when you care more about keeping your muscle mass and your physical shape and your physique and remaining healthy than you do seeking God. And in fact, many times we can think, "Well I'm doing these things while seeking God." But not realizing that we put these matters over seeking God. And in fact, we want to do everything we can to stay healthy.

The moment we become sick, especially those who are in chronic illness. They start cursing God or they start wondering, asking God "Why?". They start hating God and they start falling away and trying to seek things in the world to bring them pleasure and satisfaction. This can become an idol when we try to hold on to our health so much. We are afraid to lose it. And afraid to pray, "whatever it takes God, in order to bring people to you and live for you in holiness and true surrender." This, if you are willing to lose your health in order for God's kingdom, it's not an idol. But if you are afraid to lose your good health for God's kingdom, it's an idol.

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# Idols: of Career & Jobs

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How can a job and a career become an idol? Well, it can become an idol when we start putting our desire to move up in a company and climb that career ladder or make more money for promotions, above seeking God and His Word. And in fact, takes more of our time in our pleasure, satisfaction, and enjoyment than time with God. Some people may try to climb that career ladder and move up in their company or their job or trying to gain further promotions that acquire more wealth. Or have people desire them or their skill assets more than time with God. They care more about what people think of them in their physical position than they do in their spiritual position. This in fact can become an idol.

You'll also know if it starts to become an idol when you start putting all your time, energy, and efforts into trying to obtain more resources, more finances or climb that career ladder. You care more about what people at your company, and your job, and your career thinks than you care about what your family, your spouse, and your kids think. Or even God for that matter. This can become an idol when you start, you will start noticing that all you start doing is talking about your job and wanting to be around your co-workers and others that are on the same path of trying to climb that career ladder and gain more promotion and riches as you. This can be in fact an idol when you no longer want to serve God with all your heart, soul, and mind. But you spend more time at your career and job and thinking about it than you do thinking about God and wanting to get alone with Him.

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# Idols: of Husband & Wife

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How can a husband or wife become an idol? A husband and wife can become an idol when we start putting them above God. When we want to do what they do, all the entertainment, the fun, and the activities, and the worldly allurements that they want to do to keep themselves occupied rather than God. A spouse can become an idol when we're more afraid of losing them than we're afraid of losing ourselves and spending time with God. It's good, go out, enjoy time with your spouse, go out and enjoy time in life with your spouse.

But going out and having so much fun and making them as an idol can in fact take time away from God. And you'll become more like them rather than like God. A spouse that wants to disobey God's laws and you just join in with them can become an idol. If you do contrary to what they're doing that is a part from God's laws then that's not an idol. You are to be set apart for holiness. Yes, love and honor and cherish your spouse. And respect them, don't be domineering and controlling over them. But we must not go in the way of the world, if they're living like the world. We must cherish and love and honor and respect God and also our spouses. But we don't go in the way of their worldly living, if they are going in the way of the world. In fact, they must become one. A husband, spouse may become one in God's image not the world's image. So you are to be set apart for holy living just as He is holy. But if we become like our spouse that is living for the world, that's in fact an idol.

If we are more afraid of losing them to death than living for God. That's an idol. If we are more afraid of them cheating on us than living for God then that can be a distraction and an idol. Make sure that you love God and that you focus on Him and not worry about what your spouse is gonna do, whether you have them or you lose them. If we live for God we aren't going to worry about whether they are living or they're dead or if their cheating or if they're being holy to us. If they're being faithful. Yes, these things can hurt us but we must honor and respect God and focus on Him with all of our heart, soul, and mind. That's how you can tell if it's an idol or not.





# Idols: of Beauty

How can beauty become an idol? Well, nothing is wrong with putting on makeup. Nothing is wrong with looking beautiful. Nothing is wrong with wearing nice clothes and wanting to look good. But what can become an idol is when we spend hours and hours in front of a mirror trying to make beautification, just look nice. Make our face look nice, make our clothes look nice. We're so concerned about our self-image. We're so concerned about how our eyes look and our face looks and body looks and our clothes look in the sight of others that we are no longer looking at the internal but rather the external. We focus more on the external rather than the internal. If we focus on the external we are no longer focusing on the gift and the blessing that God has created us in His image.

We should be more focused on making sure our hearts and our soul and our minds are beautiful rather than the outward appearance. Nothing is wrong with looking good but it can become an idol. We care more about what other people think rather than what God thinks in Heaven.

"Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes."

~ Proverbs 6:23

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# Idols: of Happiness

Did you know that happiness can be an idol? Yes it can! But how do we know if happiness is an idol or not? Well, happiness is an idol when we do anything in life to remain happy. Anything negative that comes our direction, we try to shun it aside, and say we don't want this negativity in my life, I only want to be positive, I only want positivity and happiness in my life. So, anybody that's weeping and mourning, they try to push them aside saying "I want positive energy, not this negative energy".

They don't weep and mourn in prayer, they can't weep and mourn in prayer. So they seek anything in life to bring happiness and satisfaction rather than anything that has to do with sadness - so anything that has to do with anxiety, depression, or sadness, they push it aside in order to remain happy, and they seek things in the world to keep them happy, with pleasure and enjoying, satisfaction in life.

They keep themselves preoccupied in this world instead of seeking God. So when things come in their life that brings unhappiness, they don't seek God, they seek the world in order to bring that happiness and that enjoyment, and that pleasure in their life. This, in fact, can become an idol!

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# Idols: of Clothing

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People often don't realize how much clothing can become an idol! How can we determine if it's an idol or not? Well, if we care more about our image and our appearance and our outward appearance more than we care about internally, that can be an issue! If we look at our closets, we see how many pairs of pants, how many shoes, how many shirts, how many scarves, how many hats, how many materialistic things do we have in order to make our appearance look better? We have a wardrobe for every occasion and different occasions.

We almost have one for every single day out of the year - that can be an issue!

How much are we hoarding in clothing, in our drawers, in our dressers, in our closets, and we're not caring more about our inward appearance, we care more about our outward appearance than the inward! This can be an issue!

Because we're revealing that we care more about ourselves than we care more about others, our internal wellbeing, and who we are on the outside rather than the inside. We care more about what people think of us rather than what God thinks of us, and this can become an issue.

When we elaborately care about our outward appearance more than we care about our inward heart, and our mind, and our soul, this is where clothing can become an issue, when we care more about shopping, and making sure that we look good on the outside in the presence and sight of others rather we do internally in the sight and the presence of God!

1 Timothy 2:9 "I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyle or gold or pearls or expensive clothes"

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# Idols: of Parents

People often ask, how can parents become an idol? Parents can become an idol, especially when you're an adult when they come in between you and your relationship with God. That they're no longer honoring and respecting you as a child and your place and your beliefs in God. Especially when they come in between you and your current spouse. That can become an idol.

When you're afraid to go do the will of God and leave because God has a different plan and will in your life and you want to stay at home because you're afraid of what your parents will think. Or you're afraid to do contrary to what your parents desire for your future goals are, instead of doing the will of God. This can become an idol. When your parents want you to disobey God and His laws and you honor and respect them more than you do obeying God. That can become an idol. When you don't do the will of God but you do the will of your parents. That can become an issue, especially as an adult.

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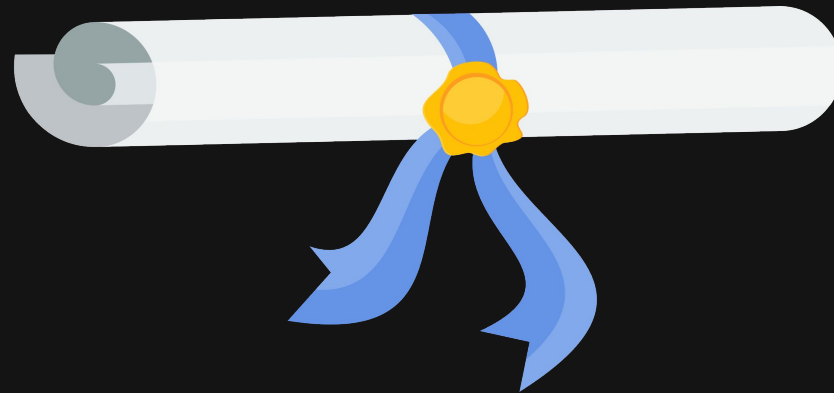




# Idols: of Education

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MAKE SURE EDUCATION IS  
TO IMPROVE YOURSELF, OTHERS, AND GOD'S  
KINGDOM RATHER THAN ONE UP AND  
COMPETE WITH YOUR NEIGHBOR





# Idols: of Education Part. 1

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How can education become an idol? In fact, education is good. It helps us achieve more, advance further and take care of our family and get further in life. It just makes life easier all around. But when can it become an idol? It can become an idol when we take so much pride in our education. We take so much pride in our achievements and qualifications and our certifications and our degrees and even the knowledge that we have learned and obtained. Whether through college, a job, a business or even in life that we have acquired by our own study. And seeking knowledge and learning from reading books or libraries or online information. These things can puff us up in pride. And not realizing that education is nothing, except knowing God's Word. Education can take us away from God's Word. In fact, it can make us more prideful. And not care about the little man and not care about those under us. Education can puff us up with a swollen head but a shrunken skull so that we no longer have humility before others. We become puffed up, you know, further in life. And people start to puff us up in our education. They begin to praise us and lift us up and give us credit for our education. But education is nothing if we are not focused on the Word of God. We should be educated in the Word of God, ultimately above all other things, knowing that this is the way, the truth, and the life. The education the world tries to feed you is not true freedom. It's not everlasting life. Yes, you do the work according to God, to the best that you can. In all things, you give glory to Him and praise Him and be thankful for all things. And you work with the best of your ability in any job you may have in life, anything that you may use your education for in life. But are you using your education for good or for bad? To obtain more in life? To obtain more riches and more glory for yourself? Or are you using it to bless others? And bless God's kingdom in order to advance God's kingdom for eternal life.

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# Idols: of Education Part. 2

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How are you using your education? For your benefit or for others' benefit? Think about this. Education is good, but if we pride ourself in education more than the Word of God, we missed the mark. We missed the whole purpose of life. In fact, people go to Bible colleges and seminaries and they puff themselves up with education about God's education but they don't realize they still missed the mark. Allowing God to show us His Word, lead us, guide us, and strengthen us in wisdom, understanding, and discernment.

God will give us this secret wisdom that we need. You cannot obtain it by reading commentary, theologies, doctrines, and the books by men. It can only be by when you have a pure heart before God. Obedient, humble, and repentant before Him. That's the only way, sacrificing our lives for eternal life rather than our lives on Earth right now. Education is good but it can become an idol. Make sure that your education is for God's kingdom. Eternal life, rather than for education on this Earth.

Picture quote in video: "Make sure education is to improve yourself, others, and God's kingdom rather one up and compete with your neighbor."

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# Idols: of Security

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How can security become an idol? Don't we all want to be secure?

Don't we all want to make sure that we have a future, that we are in comfort? That we are always secure and nothing can go wrong? But that's not reality, security can become an idol when we seek security amongst all things rather than security in God. We seek worldly security rather than security in God, in His kingdom. We must be so secure in our eternal life, in our salvation that we aren't afraid to lose anything in this life.

So often people try to find people, a job, success, a comfort, a house, a car, material riches, belongings, a large savings account, investments, and portfolios, and 401k's as security. Not realizing that that becomes an idol that is taking you away from finding the true security and freedom in God. Make sure that your security is in God and God alone so that nothing else in this world becomes an idol. The kingdom must be your idol and security.

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# Idols: of Wanting Control

How can having control become an idol? Having control and wanting control can become an idol.

In fact, it happens in many people's lives. They want control every aspect of their life so they control their spouses, their children, and those around them. It can become an idol in our lives because we want to control everything from beginning to end. And even our current situation to the future. It can become an idol when we start hurting those around us and we want to control every effort so we make schedules to revolve around everybody's life.

Because we want control of everything that happens in our lives and we don't want anything to be out of our control. And in fact, when things start going out of our control we start becoming anxious and depressed or worried or have fear because we want to have control of the things in our lives and things that go on around us. It's just like the coronavirus, people believe that they have control over the actual situation by wearing masks.

Wanting control is in fact, a big sickness that plagues many businesses, individuals, and even preachers today. To where they wanna domineer and control everyone around them and in their lives and everyone that they teach and reach and everything that goes on around them. This in fact, can become an idol. We need to be careful that we rely on God to control every aspect of our lives and let it go. So that He may have control of our lives rather us having control of our own.

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# Idols: of Sports

People often wonder, how can the sports be an idol? What's so wrong with sports? Sports becomes an idol when we put sports amongst other things, especially God. How do we get excited? How excited do we get when watching our sports games? Or going to a sporting event? How much time and investment and money do we put into those things?

Now, are we more concerned about the players stats than we are the Word of God? Are we more concerned about making sure our children become professional athletes than we are making sure that they're raised up in the Word of God. Are we more excited about perfecting our skills in sports than we are making sure that the Word of God is in our hearts and minds?

These are the questions to know whether it's an idol or not.

Do we get more excited about our sports games than we do praise and worshipping God and getting alone with Him and reading His Word? That is the question whether we determine sports is an idol or not.

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# Idols: of Children

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People often ask, how can children become an idol? Aren't we supposed to love, cherish them, and respect them and bring them up in a loving and caring home? Absolutely. But did you know that it can become an idol? When you start putting sporting events and school activities and family outings and other activities with other mothers and fathers and children and then you give those things more importance over yourself, your spouse, or even God. This can become an issue. You start putting your children over your own time or your time with God. Yes, I understand if you have little children; this can be very much of a struggle. It can be very hard, but you have to make time for yourself and for your spouse and even time with God.

Do you really need that extra sporting activity? Do you really need that ballet class? That gymnastics and that soccer and that basketball and running around. And running around to targets, and starbucks, and Chick-Fil-A's. With a lot of other mothers and staying so active that you don't have any time with God. And you're stressed out and depressed and anxious. What are you putting more important? Is their future in the world and their future success more important than making sure that they are grounded in the Word of God. Is that more important to you? These are things we need to put in importance. If we are putting our kids more important than our time with God, that can become an idol.

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# Idols: of Shopping

How can shopping become an idol? Shopping can become an idol when we find so much pleasure in shopping. In fact, we have to do it week after week after week.

And we are hungry for it. We love to go out to the shopping centers.

We love to go out to stores and buy something. In fact, it can be an addiction. And most of the time, shopping can give us a sense of pleasure in our minds. It's the same things that causes serotonin and dopamine in our brains, same thing as a drug would. Or in some cases, pornography.

Shopping can become an idol when we desire it so much and we need it in our lives to sustain a type of happiness and satisfaction in our lives. In fact, it replaces the love of God and the pleasure of God and His Word for buying something materialistic. When we have materialistic minds and we love money in this world, we in fact will love shopping. Nothing is wrong with shopping and getting things that we need or buying something that we need but when you make it an idol, over everything else in life. And you love it so much, that these materialistic things hold such a dear value to you rather than God's Word. That is an issue.

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# \$ Idols: of Money

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How can money become an idol? Money, we need it to survive, right? We need it to take care of our family and provide. Absolutely. But money can become an idol when all we put is our time and our effort and our energy into obtaining the resources of money. We put more of our mind in believing, "Oh, I'm following God and God's gonna bless me. If I continue to seek His kingdom He is going to bless me." But that's not the true reality. The true reality is if you are focused on money rather than for God and His kingdom, right now. Then in fact, money is your idol and it's not on God. Jesus is not your idol. He is not your Lord and Savior. In fact, money is your Lord and Savior. You put more of your time and energy and effort into obtaining money and becoming rich than you do living for God's kingdom right now.

Money becomes an idol when you are so focused on building your 401k's, your portfolios, and your savings accounts than you are focused on making sure that God's Word is filling your heart, soul, and mind. That is saving your own life in God's account and is eternal life. Money becomes an idol when we are sad when we lose it. Money becomes an idol when it's taken away. Money becomes an idol when the stock markets starts going down and it's crashing and we look at our portfolios and we are sad. Money becomes an idol when we are afraid to give it up or help others in need or give to the poor, the needy, and the widow, and the orphans.

Money becomes an idol when we will do anything we can to become rich or become successful in obtaining those riches and money for prosperity. We make it an idol when we heap ourselves up with pastors that love money so much that we wanna be just like them. Because they say we're gonna be blessed and we think this is following Jesus. In fact, it's not truly following Jesus but another God. Money becomes an idol when we put more of our time and our effort in obtaining these resources than we do for living for God's kingdom. And making sure that our heart is pure. We are being sanctified, we are being purified and we are rich in Him, in His riches in glory. That we are rich in Him and financially rich in His Word rather than the world.

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Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or ou will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."



# Idols: of Food

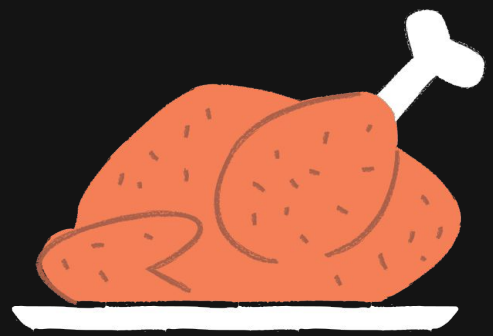
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How is food an idol? Well, food can be an idol when we want everything lavishly prepared. We want the best of the best. We want luxury. We want everything we can to be the best of the best and the quality ingredients to satisfy our stomachs because anything less than that, will not do. In fact, if somebody told you to remove something out of your diet because it's unhealthy or this isn't good for you, they would become mad. Because that means denying themselves and actually eating something that's good for their body. In fact, people love going out to eat. They love going out to sit down in fine dining restaurants, this can be an idol. When something is unhealthy for you, for example like pork or shrimp, and you are to remove it from your diet, people get mad. And they make it a salvation issue rather than an internal issue. Rather than trusting in God, the doctor of all doctors, that knows best, scientists of all scientists. Why don't we trust Him? That He knows what's best for us?

In fact, when food is an idol, people cannot deny themselves and live for God's kingdom. In fact, they are constantly thinking about lunch, breakfast, and dinner. Rather than God's Word and digesting His Word. They want the comforts of this life so their mind is always on food and drink. Constantly thinking about what they're gonna eat and what they're gonna drink rather than God's Word.

You'll know if it's an idol when all you think about is counting calories and making sure that you have the best quality food rather than God's Word. Nothing is wrong with eating healthy and eating food but eat till you're satisfied not til you're gorged. Make sure you love God's Word and not be gluttonous on the things of the world. In fact, how we eat can be a reflection of how we are spiritually, inside.

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# Idols: of Exercise

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How can exercise become an idol? Well, it can become an idol when we put our time and our energy, and efforts into exercising. In fact, our exercises can become more prolonged in the gym or outside or wherever we might be exercising. We put all of our time and energy and our mind is always on exercising and the supplements that we're gonna take constantly to make sure that we keep our physique and our physical muscles and our well-being. In fact, it's good to take care of yourself. It's good to take care of your physique and your health.

But don't make it an idol so much to where it started out 3 to 4 days a week and now it's become 6 to 7 days a week. To where all you can think about is time with exercising and what you're gonna do in your exercising routine every morning, every night, or every afternoon, or however you do it. Rather than time with God, it starts taking away time from God. And you start putting your time, and energy, and your efforts into exercising. This can be an idol when you start focusing on your outward appearance rather than the internal.

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# Idols: of Fame & Attention

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How can fame become an idol? In fact, it's the desire for fame and the desire for attention. We like the attention. In fact, when we like the comments, we like the likes online, we like the followings, we like the views on our videos. In fact, we like the attention from others. That can be a sign that fame is an idol in your hearts and minds. Fame can be an idol when you do anything by any means necessary to try to climb that goal and reach those dreams in order to acquire that desired level of fame that you intend to live out. Your self-ambition, desires to cling on to that fame in order to get attention from others. You love the attention from others and you love what people tell you. And how they make you feel and you love being wanted by others. This in fact, is an idol. A secret idol of fame. You care more about what others think rather than what God thinks. This is exactly a hidden idol of fame.

~ Todd Aaron, Hidden Idol Series



# Idols: of Power

How can power become an idol? Well, power can become an idol when we wanna domineer and control and have authority over others individuals or groups.

Power can be in a church, it can be in authoritative positions, it can be over family, it can be at your job, it can be life in general. You wanna have control and domineer over other individuals. You wanna have that authority, that power. All the time.

Power can become a weakness in our lives. In fact, because we wanna have control over life we in fact wanna have control over God in our lives as well. Power can become a huge idol, especially when it is an example of Satan's fall. If we want power over everything in life and over others, that can be a great idol. And it can be our greatest downfall in life if we are not careful. Be careful about the idols of power.

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# Idols: of Being Right

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Did you know that the desire of being right all the time can be an idol?

In fact, people that want to be right all the time they'll realize that they have arrogance and pride inside, wanting to be right and that desire to be right. And in fact, will be your downfall. It will lead you to greater sins than that. Pride and arrogance was Satan's greatest downfall.

And when you wanna be right all the time rather than humility, it shows that you're not humble before God. It shows that you're prideful, you're self-righteous, and you believe that you're always right. And you know all things and you have all knowledge of all things in life. In fact, you do not.

When you have a desire to be right all the time, you'll be in factions and feudings and arguing and divisions. And these things in fact, separate you from God and His kingdom and a relationship with Him. Be careful about the idols of always being right. In fact, those who believe they are always right will never admit that they are wrong and never apologize or say they're sorry. This is where an idol of being right can come into place.

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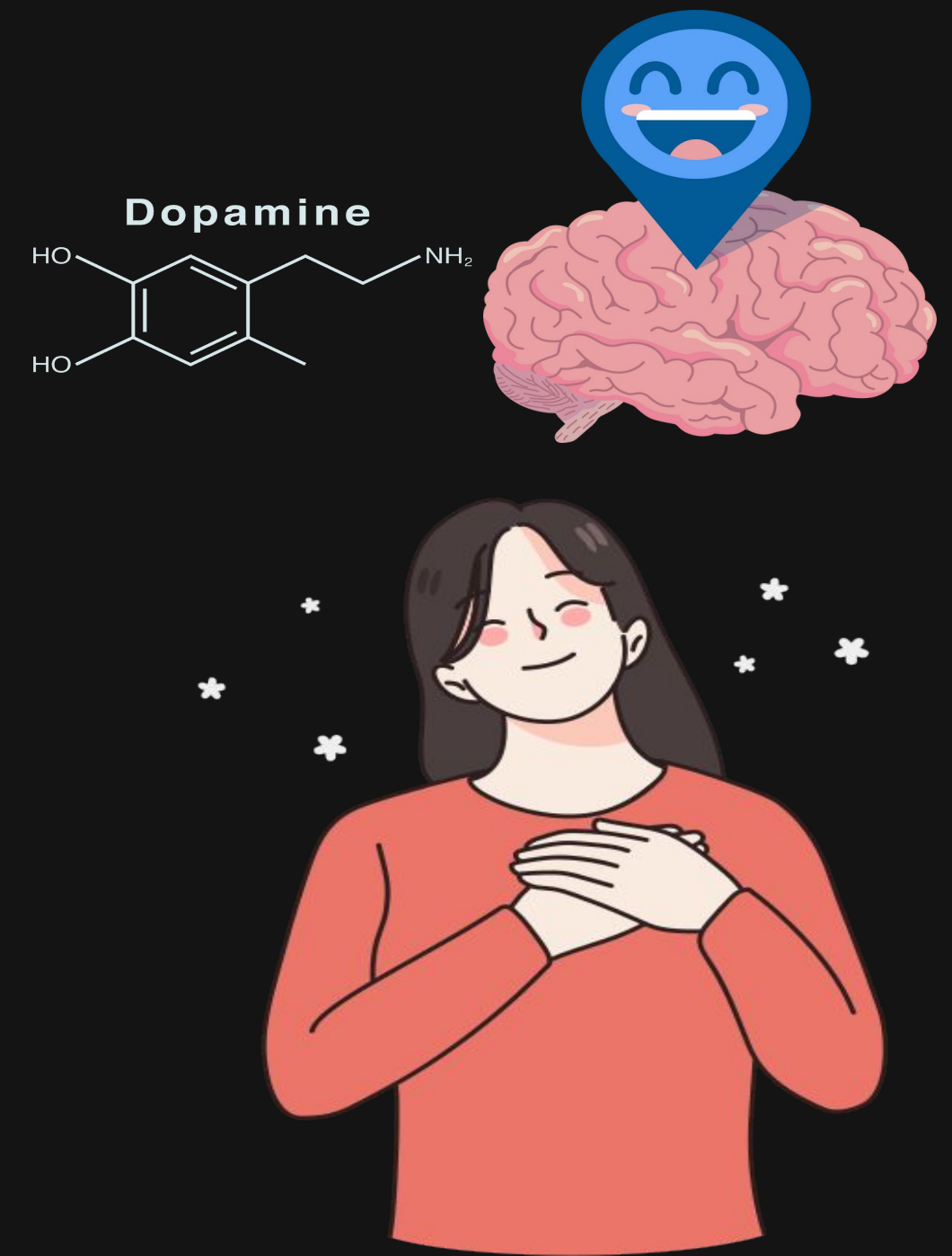
# Idols: of Pleasure

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How can pleasure become an idol? Well, pleasure is an idol when we wanna have everything to satisfy us in life. It can be anything that brings us pleasure or satisfies our desires and our needs and our wants. It's selfish ambition and it has to do with the god of self. When you want pleasure, you want anything that makes you feel good inside. You want your emotions, your feelings, you want everything to go good in life so you seek things externally to make you feel pleasure. In fact, it's not just a form of sexual ambition or sexual desires. It can be life desires. It can even be shopping, it can be your pastor, it can be a type of religion, it can be a type of emotion or feeling or enlightenment. It can be anything that makes you feel good and happy inside. Anything that brings you pleasure, so you desire after it. A lot of times it's a lust of your eyes and desires of your mind and the wants of your hands. Anything that is a pleasure outside of God's Word can become an idol. If we don't take pleasure in the desire and comfort in God's Word, these things can in fact become an idol. An idol of pleasure.

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Luke 8:14 "The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches, and pleasures, and they do not mature."





# Idols: of Signs, Wonders, Truthers, Conspiracies

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How can seeking end times signs and wonders in movies and shows and books and music become an idol? Even if trying to expose the darkness by looking at the darkness, how can these things become an idol? We think we are exposing Illuminati. We think we're exposing end times signs and wonders to appeal to our senses to show that we have faith. But is it really faith? No, it's faith in man. It's faith in your own belly. That's why these people have pride. They are arrogant. They're boasters. They're proud. They're haughty. They cause divisions, factions, and feudings. Because they believe they have a secret knowledge. They take pride in knowledge. They take pride in their own wisdom that they think is the wisdom of God and the revelation of God and the discernment and prophecy of God.

And in fact, it's coming from soothsayers, diviners, fortune-tellers, and necromancers.

These people are leading you to Hollywood movies and shows and books and movies to keep your eyes appealed on these things thinking it's actually a sign, a fortune-telling from God. They think it's showing a prophetic event from God when it's actually showing it from the devil himself.

The same people that speak through these movies are the same ones that are fortune-tellers and people just support these things thinking they're actually receiving a revelation from God. No, it's from demons itself. This can be an idol of trying to reveal what the Illuminati is in movies, shows, tv's, books, and music. It can in fact be an hidden idol, leading you astray from God.

~ Todd Aaron, Hidden Idol Series

"A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah." ~ Matthew 16:4

# Idols: of Electronics

Be careful of the idol of electronics. Your phone, your computer, or your tablets, your t.v, all these things can be a replacement for God. In fact, when we want the desire for entertainment it's a replacement because we don't have the joy of God, we have to replace it with entertainment. Because we're not satisfied with the love of God and the joy of God, we have to replace it by anything that stimulates our minds and our senses. That's why we have to always keep these things in our lives.

So we have to be careful to make sure that we're not distracted too much from God's Word and putting all of our time and our energy into our phone, our social media, our tablets, our computer, and even the TV. These things should not be a replacement for God. We should take more joy and pleasure in seeking God and spending time with Him than we do externally seeking things to satisfy our mind and our lusts and our desires and our pleasures. And stimulate our eyes and senses. When we stop using these things for God's glory and for His kingdom, it can become an idol because we're using it for the worldly gain and worldly pleasures.

~ Todd Aaron, Hidden Idol Series



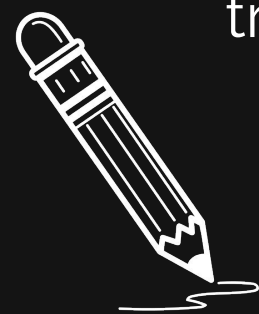


# Idols: of Tradition

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How can tradition be an idol? Well, tradition can be an idol when we cannot give up any man-made traditions. Anything past down from generation to generation from our parents or our relatives or our in-laws or our family, in general. When we try to hold on to the traditions of man rather than the traditions of God. If we cannot change, we idolize tradition. In fact, we do not idolize God and we do not worship and follow Him. If we follow after traditions of the world and what man follows and what our family follows we, in fact, are not following the ways of God. Sometimes our holidays, our practices are traditions passed down through our cultures or even our nation. These things can be, in fact, an idol if we are not focused on God and repentant surrendered to Him. And keep His ways and keep His traditions and His Holy ways, His Holy days and keep His commandments. In fact, tradition can be an idol.

A lot of times when people hold on to tradition, they're holding on to their families and the good memories. And they're afraid to let it go because that's the only control they have of their lives is holding on to their traditions that was passed down from generation to generation. They don't want to let go so they idolize their family and they're afraid of what their family will think of them if they change. So, in fact, they idolize their family and their culture and their traditions and they're afraid to give it up because they're afraid to let go of the past. In fact, if they don't pick up their cross, deny themselves and follow God, they're in fact not worthy to be His disciples.



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# Idols: of Travel

Did you know that travel can become an idol? Yes, it can. In fact, many people love to boast about their travels and go places that people never gone in order to boast about something inside. They have secret pride and self-ambition. And they want to serve themselves. They don't realize they have a secret idol of serving themselves so they want to travel in places that people have never gone in a way to have a type of pride in themselves to boast about what they have achieved and where they have gone and where they have traveled. And in fact, many people love to travel. Instead of seeking God they're going to have some sort of fun or luxury. Or enjoy some social status or go visit some place that has nothing to do with God.

So instead of trying to go and spend time with God in nature, they wanna go to travel some place to show off to others and have a type of pride and sense of themselves of what they have done, achievement they have gone and places they have gone. In fact they are not seeking God but their own self and to please themselves and their own self-pleasure and satisfaction. This, in fact, is an idol.

Picture quote in video: "It's often an idol when one goes to escape life including time with God rather than reaching others for God. It's for their own pleasure."

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# Idols: of Seeking Love

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Did you know that seeking love can become an idol? Yes, it can. In fact, when you put all your time and effort into seeking a spouse, seeking a relationship, seeking a partner to live forever with that you no longer focus on God. You no longer take time with Him. You no longer delight in Him. Your focus and efforts are trying to find a relationship instead of a relationship with God. Relationships are good. Marriage is good. But if you forsake God in order to find a spouse you in fact will find a spouse that is not with the heart of God. Spend time to focus on God and delight in Him and His Word. If you do so, if it's His will, He will send you a spouse after His own heart. And then one that is after His own heart they'll be after yours as well. Because you delight in God, you'll find a partner that also delights in God. But seeking love can in fact be an idol when you're taking away from the love of God and seek it from the love of a person and a human being. This, in fact, can be an idol.

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# Idols: of Pets

Did you know that pets can become an idol? Yes, they can. In fact, when you spend more money on pet food than you do missions. That's an idol. When you buy clothes for your pets but not for humans, that's an idol. You take care more of your pets and make sure that they are taken care of more than you do humans. That's an issue. When you want to make sure they have the best food, we have non-gmo, organic, and grain-free pet food but we don't eat it ourselves and we don't help buy that for others. In fact, we want the best for pets but not the best for humans. Pets become an idol when we start taking care of them like we do our kids. You think more highly of your pets than you do for humans, that's an issue. You do everything you can to make sure your pets are happy but you don't delight in taking care of humans and make sure that they're taken care of and happy. Often times we spend more time and effort in taking care of our pets and animals than we do humans. It's nothing wrong,

God says to take care of animals but we must take care of humans, the ones that have an everlasting living soul, more than we do pets. If we love animals and pets more than humans, that is an issue. In fact, a lot of times when people love animals but not humans, they have trust issues. Humans have hurt them so bad in the past that they can't forgive. So in fact it's a secret idol of unforgiveness and resentment and bitterness that has built up inside of you. Unless you forgive, you're never gonna understand the love of God. And you're never gonna see the love of God. Animals are good to take care of but we cannot love animals more than we love humans.

Picture Quote in video: "It's a tragedy in this hour when we have pet spa's, hotels, boutique, salons, and many stores for pets. We must forgive others so that God can heal us. It's sad when we care more about saving animals than we do humans from abortion."

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# THE END

Keep in mind that this is not an exhaustive list and there are many more things one can idolize. If there is something that you didn't understand or is hard to accept then cry out to God. He is there to help us grow in the knowledge of his heart.

God knows the inward heart and desires for all to come to repentance. He is faithful to forgive our trespasses and liberate us from our idols. Shalom to all who have read through all this!





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